

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application. This amendment is being filed concurrent with a request for continued examination.

The specification, claims and abstract have been amended to clarify that the "nonaqueous secondary battery" is a "nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery" to better clarify the translation from the original Japanese. This change in the terminology does not reduce the scope of the invention.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-34 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-31 have been allowed. Claims 32-34 are newly presented.

Claim 32 corresponds to claim 1 but does not specify the location on the current collector. Claims 33 and 34 find support at page 7, line 10 of the specification.

No new matter is added.

Early and favorable consideration of this amendment and the issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

Prior art not of record is believed to be non-pertinent to the instant claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: substitute abstract

APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- new Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A negative electrode for a non-aqueous electrolyte secondary cell includes a current collector an, formed on a surface or both surfaces thereof, an active material structure containing an electroconductive material with a low capability of forming a compound with lithium, and the active material structure includes 5% to 80% by weight of active material particles containing a material having a high capability for forming a compound with lithium. The active material structure can include an active material layer containing the active material particles and a surface-covering layer on the active material layer.